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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021120433

Project Title: Multi-Benefit Basin Project

Project Applicant: Lindmore Irrigation District, 315 E. Lindmore Avenue, Lindsay, CA 93247

Project Location (include county): Tulare County

Project Description:

See attached Project Description

This is to advise that the Lindmore Irrigation District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 2/15/2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Lindmore Irrigation District 315 E. Lindmore Avenue, Lindsay, CA 93247

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: General Manager

Date: February 17, 2022 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Project Description

The District acquired approximately 320 acres of property (APNs 198-100-008, 198-100-007, 198-100-006, and 198-110-002) at the southwest corner of Avenue 212 and Road 188. The property currently sits outside of the District's boundaries, and is being annexed into the District as part of this Project. The Project property is located in southwest Tulare County, southwest of the City of Lindsay near the CDP of Plainview. These lands historically have been farmed and are currently fallowed. There is one rural residence on the site, located at the corner of Road 188 and Avenue 208. The residence will not be removed as part of this Project. The existing site has several wells on site that were previously used to irrigate the 320-acres of farmland at the Project site. The total area of potential effect (APE) analyzed is approximately 336 acres.

The Project involves several phases of construction of groundwater recharge basin facilities. The first phase will involve 80 acres of basins that will be constructed with habitat for migrating birds, funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board. This habitat will consist of adding islands to the basins and sloping the floors to create varying water levels to benefit a wide diversity of shorebirds and other waterbirds. The first phase of basins will be designed around the residence that is located on that parcel. Construction of other basins on the remaining 240 acres will occur during subsequent phases. For the purposes of CEQA this document is analyzing the impacts of 320 acres of recharge basins to be annexed, and two proposed pipeline options.

Construction

Basins

Construction of each phase will include equipment mobilization, earthwork for excavation of recharge/regulation basins, and construction of basin perimeter berms of no greater than six feet in external height. Project components include constructing ponds/cells within the basins separated by levees, as well as performance testing and demobilization, depth of cut is estimated to be in the range of four to six feet. Construction of the 80-acre basin is expected to take four months. Future basin work on the remaining 240 acres is anticipated to take no more than six months of additional active construction time. Excavated material will be balanced on site.

Pipelines

There are two potential tie-in locations of a 1-mile 36-inch diameter pipeline, placed a minimum of 36 inches below ground, and trench depth of approximately 6-8 feet deep, and approximately 7 to 8 feet wide. It is likely that the pipeline can be placed with the County right of way under a Longitudinal Encroachment Permit, from The County of Tulare. Should the pipeline be placed on private property, an easement with the landowner will be put in place.

Pipeline alternatives:

- Option 1: On Ave 208 from Road 188 to Road 196.
- Option 2: On Heber Ave from Road 188 to Road 196.

The selected pipeline would tie into District facilities in Road 196. As it is unknown at this time which pipeline route will be selected, for the purposes of this document both options are being evaluated.